



REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to enter the above amendment. No new matter is introduced in the Preliminary Amendment, and it is fully supported by the present specification at least at page 3, lines 16-27; page 4, lines 2-11; page 4, lines 25-27; page 6, last paragraph; page 7, line 9-10; page 10, lines 9-20; page 40, last paragraph; and page 41, lines 30-36.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests a Notice of Allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,

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